(b) the anticipated shortfall if any, in the traffic earnings of Trivandrum devision due to the formation of this B.G. line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The annual traffic potential of the line is estimated to be:

(i) Outward goods traffic : 31. 45 lakh tonnes

(ii) Inward goods traffic : 11.45 lakh tonnes

(iii) Passenger traffic : 60.45 lakh passengers.

(c) Nil.

Link train service between Varanasi and Chhapra

2725. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start a link train service between Varanasi and Chhapra railway stations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that passengers are facing problems as there is no proper link express train linking the two towns; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Varanasi and Chhapra are already connected by 5 pairs of direct Metre Gauge trains.

Establishment of the Sambalpur Railway Division at Sambalpur

2726. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA:

SHRI JAGADISH JANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far for establishing the Sambalpur Railway division at Sambalpur;

(b) what is the estimated cost thereof; and what are the reasons for delay, if any;

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed;

(d) the year-wise fund so far provided for the purpose; and

(e) whether the land acquisitions work for the project has been completed; if not, the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) About 14 per cent.

(b) Rs. 450 lakhs. Work is being undertaken in phases, commensurate with availability of funds.

(c) Time of completion will depend upon the availability of funds.

(d) Year-wise funds so far provided for Sambalpur Division are indicated below:—

(Figures in lakhs)

Year	Allocation
1986-87	12
1987-88	65
1988-89	93
1989-90	51

(e) Yes, Sir.

Capacity of Paradip Port for exporting Iron Ore

2727. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the present capacity for exporting Iron ore through Paradip Port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): The capacity of the Paradip Port for exporting iron ore based on its ore handing plant, is 4 million tonnes per annum.

Integration of Railway System in Gujarat

2728. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any master plan to integrate the Railway system in Gujarat; and

(b) if not, the whether his Ministry would incorporate such plan during the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Conversion of Nadiad-Kapadvanj NG section into BG is an approved work and conversion of Rajkot-Veraval MG line into BG, is to be considered during the VIII Plan period. There is no proposal at present, for taking up conversion of any other NG/MG section into BG in Gujarat.

Construction of Rail-cum-Road bridge over the Brahmaputra

2729. SHRI AMRITLAL BASUMATARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 257 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th April, 1989 and state:

(a) by when the construction of Narnarayan Setu, a Railway-cum-road bridge over the Brahmaputra at Jogighopa Panchratna, is likely to be completed; and

(b) what progress has so far been made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The completion of this bridge would depend on the availablility of resources in coming years.

(b) 19.5 per cent.

Removal of employees of Catering Service at Parliament House/Annexe

2730. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Northern Railway has been entrusted with Management/Administration of Catering Services at Parliament House and its Annexe;

(b) since when they have been managing these catering services;

(c) whether the employees of these catering services are directly employed by Northern Railway Head Quarter, New Delhi.